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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IR, US

SUBJECT:AWACS

REF: TEHRAN 6780

1. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI, WHO TELLS
ME HE IS URGING THE SHAH TO RECONSIDER HIS DECISION TO
WITHDRAW THE AWACS LETTER OF INTENT.

2. IN YOUR AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH, YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE
HE UNDERSTANDS THAT OUR TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL OF LOA FROM
CONGRESS WAS PURELY AND SIMPLY THE RESULT OF A PARLIA-
MENTARY SITUATION IN WHICH THE SENATE, WITH A CROWDED
LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR AND FACING AN EARLY RECESS, SIMPLY
FELT IT DID NOT HAVE TIME IN AUGUST TO DISCHARGE ITS
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LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERA-
TION TO THIS SALE. YOU SHOULD TELL THE SHAH THAT, WHILE
WE CANNOT AT THIS POINT PREDICT WITH ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY
WHAT THE FINAL OUTCOME WILL BE IN CONGRESS, ALL OUR
PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE OUTCOME WILL BE FAVORABLE.
A NUMBER OF KEY LEADERS IN BOTH PARTIES IN THE SENATE,
INCLUDING SENATORS HUMPHREY AND BAKER, HAVE TOLD US THEY

ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE SENATE WILL APPROVE THE AWACS SALE
WHEN IT IS RESUBMITTED FOLOWING THEIR RECESS.

3. FINALLY, YOU SHOULD TELL THE SHAH THAT THE DECISION
IS OF COURSE UP TO HIM. HE SHOULD KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT
IF HE DECIDES THAT HE WOULD STILL LIKE TO PURCHASE AWACS
AND DOES NOT WITHDRAW THE LETTER OF INTENT, THE
PRESIDENT AND I REMAIN FULLY COMMITTED TO THE ADMINIS-
TRATION'S DECISION TO PROVIDE AWACS TO IRAN AND WILL
CONTINUE TO WORK VIGOROUSLY FOR ITS APPROVAL AS RAPIDLY
AS POSSIBLE AFTER WE RESUBMIT THE LETTER OF OFFER ON
SEPTEMBER 7.

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HE UNDERSTANDS THAT OUR TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL OF LOA FROM CONGRESS WAS PURELY AND SIMPLY THE RESULT OF A PARLIAMENTARY SITUATION IN WHICH THE SENATE, WITH A CROWDED LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR AND FACING AN EARLY RECESS, SIMPLY FELT IT DID NOT HAVE TIME IN AUGUST TO DISCHARGE ITS LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THIS SALE. YOU SHOULD TELL THE SHAH THAT, WHILE WE CANNOT AT THIS POINT PREDICT WITH ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY WHAT THE FINAL OUTCOME WILL BE IN CONGRESS, ALL OUR PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE OUTCOME WILL BE FAVORABLE. A NUMBER OF KEY LEADERS IN BOTH PARTIES IN THE SENATE, INCLUDING SENATORS HUMPHREY AND BAKER, HAVE TOLD US THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE SENATE WILL APPROVE THE AWACS SALE WHEN IT IS RESUBMITTED FOLLOWING THEIR RECESS.

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